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50th ANNIVERSARY OF SERVING THE RESIDENTS OF DALKEY



Nine Presidents of Dalkey Meals on Wheels marking their fiftieth anniversary of serving the residents of Dalkey. From left to right are as follows:

Inset: Carmel Crean, Brid Sheanon, Avril Brennan, Daphne Hamilton, Mollie Kelly, Ailish Greed, Dermot Ashmore, Jean Browne, Mairín O'Sullivan See page 5 for report.

Photo: Des Burke-Kennedy

SUMMARY OF THE DCC NOVEMBER MEETING

Summary of the DCC November Meeting held on Monday 12/11/18 in OLH

Functions: The DCC Art Exhibition was very successful despite the inclement weather the opening night was well attended and a record number of paintings were sold.

TT: Members of DTT visited the Covanta Incinerator for a guided tour and were shown the process of waste that is converted into energy. The weekly litter patrols are continuing and also maintenance of planting beds around the town. The bioscope from Coliemore Harbour has gone to the UK for repair and it is hoped that it will be back early next year.

NW: The most popular time for committing burglaries is between late afternoon and evening. Burglars take jewellery, cash, tablets, etc. small items that are easily carried by the person. It is very helpful to the investigating Gardai if photos of stolen items are available. In the run up to Christmas shoppers are warned to be mindful of purses, wallets, bags and belongings and pay attention where they are placed if dropping in for a tea/coffee or something to eat.

Planning: There are rather large developments scheduled to commence in Dalkey next year and there is serious concern in relation to the significant disruption and increase in traffic that will impact on the town and the surrounding area.

The next Monthly Meeting is Monday 10th December 2018.

DALKEY CASTLE & HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE

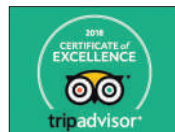


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Castle Christmas Tours with Santa At Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre

Enjoy these unique Christmas Castle tours with Santa which are specially devised for the children who are expecting Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. Accompanying adults are encouraged to join in the fun with the children. Supported by DLRCoCo.

Jingle The children will engage with Jingle who sings Christmas riddles while s/he is preparing the food for Santa and the reindeers. S/he leads the children to the battlements to chant to the North Star that guides the reindeers around the world.



Santa's On His Way!



Dalkey Christmas Extravaganza

SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER

3.45pm Live Crib, Archbold's Castle

4pm Children's Christmas Carols, Church of the Assumption

5pm SANTA ARRIVES!

5.30pm Visit Santa at his Grotto beside the church

Twinkle, the Christmas Elf, joins in the show. Twinkle tells all the famous Christmas stories in a new and exciting way. S/he helps when Santa's suit gets shrunk by the elves who are now all sleeping in the Garderobe. The big worry for Twinkle is whether the children can make the suit big enough to fit Santa again. (Of course they will!) **Santa** The highlight, needless to say, is the appearance of the celebrity himself- Santa Claus!

Santa's 'Ho Ho Ho' has gone very faint. The children will help him to get it back. He has two lists: one nice and the other naughty. Only those who behave very well can be on his nice list. Dalkey children are on his nice list. The children can help Santa waken the sleeping elves and join him with his 10 question quiz.

Join In! It's all about activity and participation with this specially devised unique Dalkey Castle Christmas Tour with Santa! A big bonus is that you can book in advance and no queuing is necessary.

If the children arrive 15 minutes early, they may get some seasonal face painting also! Face painting stops once the tour begins.

Tour times 11.00, 12.00, 14.00, 15.00 & 16.00. (Numbers are limited on each tour).

Dates: Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th, Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th & Saturday 22nd December.

Children €9.50 (includes age-appropriate Goody Bag).

Adults: €7.50 Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking: Book online at www.dalkeycastle.com/booktickets **Credit Card** by Tel 01 285 8366. (Closed on Tuesdays). **At Reception** every day except Tuesday.

Sunday 2nd December – Santa will check out Dalkey when he appears to switch on the **Christmas Lights on Sunday 2nd December** around 5.00pm. **The Living Crib** will be as magical as ever with Mary and Joseph and live animals in Archbold's Castle from 4.00-6.00pm.

Karate Classes will start back in the Town Hall on **Wednesday Jan 9th** at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. It is Hombu Dojo Karate, which is traditional Shotokan Karate. First two classes will be free. Come along and try it out!

Contact 085 1412828 or email secretary@hombudojokarate.com.

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Dalkey Community Council sincerely thanks all the voluntary distributors of the newsletter. We especially thank Ursula Brooks, Yvonne Fogarty and Des Murray who have delivered the newsletters for many years and are now stepping down for a well earned rest. The community in Dalkey appreciates the great work that they have done. DCC also appreciates the continued loyalty of our advertisers and without your support the newsletter could not continue.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019

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CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN DALKEY – 1968-2018

From very small beginnings in 1968, Dalkey Meals on Wheels has evolved to become one of the principal non-denominational voluntary services in our Community and we are celebrating our **50th** Anniversary this year in 2018.

From premises at 11, Kilbegnet Close in the heart of Dalkey, we continue to provide nourishing, tasty dinners on five days a week to any person in our area who needs the service. At present we provide approximately 50 meals per day and the cost to the recipient is **€3.00** which includes a main course and dessert.

Dalkey Meals on Wheels is run by a team of dedicated volunteers, both cooks and drivers, who faithfully turn up every week, regardless of the weather. We all know what a long, hard winter we had this year, with Storm Ophelia, the Beast from the East and the worst snowfall for many decades. Despite the weather conditions, the service continued uninterrupted, with some drivers delivering meals on foot during the worst of the snow and cooks continuing to provide hot meals as usual. The ethos of the service is thus continuing, providing regular food and a friendly house call, as provided by so many of our volunteer friends and colleagues over the years since our inception.

We always welcome new volunteers and can be contacted at our premises on 01-2857863. We particularly welcome helpers during the summer months, when due to holidays etc. our volunteer numbers can be low.

Anyone who would like to avail of the service should be referred to us through the local District Nurse, who can be contacted at the Dalkey Health Centre, Kilbegnet Close, Dalkey. **Tel. 01-2859291.**

Sincere thanks and appreciation are due to the 50th MOW organising committee Helen Hickey, Brid Sheanon, Ann Marie MacGorris, Dorothy Gibbs, Muireann McDonnell, Beverley Grant, Sheila Shaw and Mollie Kelly.

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*Left:
Dr Patricia McCarthy,
Guest-of-Honour with
DCC Functions
Manager Rosaleen
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*Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD
with Des Burke Kennedy*



*The Arrival of the
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We wish everyone a happy holiday season and prosperous New Year

The Christmas season is upon us and we're all looking forward to a busy December. Our event programme is as always busy as we try to cater for the diverse community of people who use our services. Please pop into the library to pick up an event programme.

Many people receive new phones and tablets over the Christmas period and we may be able to help you make good use of these in Dalkey Library. With the support of the Transition Year coordinators in both Loreto Abbey and Clonkeen College we offer one to one digital skills sessions. These are available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and must be booked in advance. You can make a booking by phoning the library on **01 2855277**.

There are also many online services offered via the library website that you might like to access. These can all be accessed via our website libraries.dlrccoco.ie; just click on the 'Online Services' tab. Most of us are now using smart phones and tablets so your library is always on hand.

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Le gach dea-ghui i gcomhair na Nollag agus na h-ath bhliana. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and new year.

Maria O'Sullivan, Senior Librarian,

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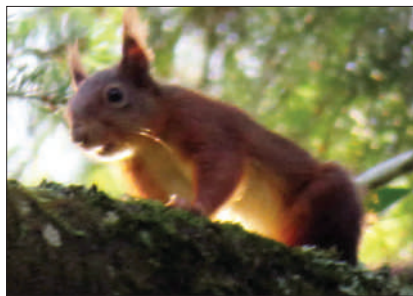
*The King Oak Trunk has a 26 foot girth at its widest
Photo: Michael Ryan*

out a long plug of wood which enabled the growth rings to be counted without harming the tree and thus establishing it was at least **750** years old! It was a beautiful October morning when we went to see it, the low sunshine burning away the mist and barely a breeze stirring. The ancient tree was in a large well established oak wood and I had wondered would we have difficulty recognizing which particular tree it was but it turned out it was the very first oak you see beside the driveway as you enter the estate. Despite being a bit sprawling with its vast trunk. It has a circumference of 26 feet; split and twisted in places it was still a very impressive sight. The tree was hit by lightning in 1963 and the trunk split in half but it still grows on. Some of the lower branches had supports holding them up while other massive branches, grown heavy and weary over the centuries, actually rest on the ground. We weren't its first visitor of the day as a treecreeper was winding its way up the huge trunk feeding on insects, their grubs and eggs among the fissured bark. Another oak of similar stature stood nearby but this tree had died a long time ago and was bare of bark and leaves. Despite being dead it probably supported as much, if not more, life than the King Oak, providing nest space for birds and bats and supporting multitudes of insects and fungi in the decaying timber.

We continued down the driveway then went off the main avenue to wander down a path through the woods and almost instantly set off a raucous calling of jays, spotting one's distinctive white rump disappearing through the trees. Acorns are one of the jay's favourite foods and individual jays carrying up to five acorns in their crop at a time can bury up to 3000 a month, having a remarkable ability to remember where they can recover them but inevitably a few acorns will germinate (Some years ago a radio documentary about jays was titled 'The Oak Tree Planters') and indeed it's possible the great King Oak may have begun life by being planted by a jay. Acorns are a favourite food of grey squirrels as well although extremely toxic to red squirrels until they're fully ripe. This is considered another advantage greys have over reds and although, like

We'd gone to Tullamore for a couple of days, visiting a relative who'd had a brief stay in hospital but was now making a good recovery. Amazingly sharp minded with a perfect memory and, apart from recent problems, remarkably fit at 93 years of age, she was a mere youngster in comparison to another living being we got to visit in Tullamore. In Charleville Forest, just outside the town, grows the King Oak, believed to be the oldest living oak tree in Ireland. It's a pedunculated oak, one of our two native oak species, the other being the sessile oak.

Our host at the B&B told us someone had recently made a core drilling of it, taking



*Red Squirrel in Charleville Forest
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jays, grey squirrels will cache acorns in the ground they tend to bite into the seed while they're carrying them thus rendering them incapable of germinating. So you wouldn't be surprised to find greys in an oak wood but when Lucy heard, then located a squirrel in a larch treetop high above us and we were delighted to see it was actually a red squirrel. The trees lining the avenue were predominantly oak, more noble specimens with spectacular clumps of fungi and great rounded knots of wood on their trunks but intermingled with them were larches and Scots pines which would have provided food for the reds. It was nice to see it was a thriving regenerating wood as well since there were many oak saplings springing out of the ground. The only downside of the forest was a gloomy line of rhododendrons, dark and oppressive alongside one path supporting no birds or other life but that was only a tiny portion of the woods and when we emerged from the trees approaching the castle the fields opening up in front of us had a number of statuesque redwoods growing in solitary splendour. Loads more jays screeching on our return walk



The female Sparrowhawk sat on the bird bath for over an hour
Photo: Michael Ryan



She would twist her head around at seemingly impossible angles to preen her plumage
Photo: Michael Ryan

and though we walked for hours we only covered a small part of the 170 hectares of the estate and hope to get back there again. Another oak standing solitary in a field which we didn't get to see is supposed to be the largest oak in Ireland and apparently the estate also has breeding buzzards, has the biggest badger colony in Ireland and there are pine martins there which may well account for the absence of any grey squirrels. A sparrowhawk perched on the edge of our stone bird bath just feet away from a couple of bird feeders hanging from a bush. We hadn't seen her land so don't know if she had come for a drink, a wash or to try and catch a bird coming in for some sunflower seeds but there

it was, content to perch almost motionless for ten minutes before I accidentally startled it and she flew off. Sorry to have disturbed it but no need to worry because she was back in the same place a few minutes later. This time it initially perched on the edge of the bird bath with its back to us and we could wonder at its ability to swivel its head 180 degrees, an ability you'd normally associate with owls. Almost intimidating when its fierce yellow eyes seem to fix on you but it just perched there, occasionally craning her head back in impossible-seeming contortions to preen her wings and tail. Wood pigeons would land on the branches above and it would stretch its neck upwards, tilting its head to observe them while a number of smaller birds would approach the feeder before beating a hasty retreat. The sparrowhawk perched on the bath for over an hour then, after a final preen, with a shrug of its wings and a flick of its tail it was gone!



Castle Park Swim Academy & Sports Centre

Christmas Opening Hours

The Swim Academy will close on the 23rd of December for the Christmas break. We will reopen on Thurs 3rd of January 2019 for camp. The last day of Academy Swimming lessons is the 23rd of December and lessons will resume on the 7th of January 2019 after the New Year break. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all our customers.

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Masters sessions now take place on Tuesday evenings at 8.15pm and Saturday afternoons at 4.45pm. Sessions are coached by fully qualified Level 2 & 3 coaches and are ideal for triathletes, sea swimmers, competitive swimmers or those who simply want to swim for fitness or refine technique. Come along! PAYG €7.00

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January Camp 2019

January camp will run for 2 days on the 3rd & 4th January 2019. The cost of the camp is €60 for 2 days. The camp is fully catered by our onsite chef with children getting a healthy snack, a hot nutritious lunch and a dessert each day. Early morning & afternoon daycare options are provided at an additional cost.



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DECEMBER / JANUARY IN MY GARDEN – by Philippa Thomas

Wishing You All, The Warmest Greetings of The Season And Best Wishes For Happiness In 2019

Berries are the jewels of our December gardens as well of course, being a festive treat for our birds. Our feathered friends love *Holly*, *Mistletoe*, *Pyracantha*, *Cotoneaster*, *Hawthorn*, *Crab Apples* and *Rosehips* and now is the perfect time to plant such. When planting *Holly*, you should plant a male and a female to guarantee berries or else, maybe purchase a self-fertile variety. The turning circle of our Garden Year sometimes revolves all too quickly and then sometimes, slows almost to a standstill. Our circle of life, gemmed at all times with the jewels of different lustres and different hues and colours, all of them equally precious. On these late November early December nights, the backdrops and silhouettes around



Silver Birch Christmas Wreath Photo: Philippa Thomas

Dalkey Island are utterly breathtaking. I often take my dog, Mr. Precious, for a walk there, just to simply walk around and to be quite alone when, as happens in all our lives, it is absolutely essential for sanity's sake to go away to somewhere quiet.

Our evening temperatures may become colder and colder until the thermometer begins to drop to several degrees below zero where it will remain long after dawn. Don't our Dalkey gardens with their Winter spaces, especially the evergreens, offer such a warm reception? I adore to see a sea of greens – mixing shapes, textures and sizes. Isn't it fascinating how green shades feel balanced and tranquil? How often do gardeners dress themselves and their gardens similarly! Red to me appears closer to be attention-grabbing and physically stimulating. Blue and violet shades seem further away and seem to be really calming but again green; and the myriad shades of green are fascinating" Doesn't every plant's leaves harmonise with its flowers? Is this not true colour co-ordination? ...As our Winter tightens its grip, we are approaching our shortest day of the year, Friday 21st December. Then these few days between Christmas and the New Year are very useful in the garden if our weather is suited to the work. Finish digging over the vegetable plot and new ground as soon as you can. The frosts will break down the clumps over Winter and by next Spring, it'll be perfect for planting. Remember, any tidying we do now outside will repay us in the coming New Year and 'Spring' is only around the corner so we must make our gardens tidy in order to welcome it and to accommodate its absolute abundance of new growth and fresh foliage.

There is nothing like the appearance and the scent of a real Christmas Tree to get us into the festive spirit - and doesn't it actually smell like Christmas? Norway Spruce is the traditional choice and holds its needles well as does Nordmann Fir, which has thick needles with silvery undersides. ...At present, the Jasmine flowering season is long, approximately

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from November until April. The branches can be picked for the vases in bud and the flowers will then open in water over Christmas; *Jasmine Nudiflorum* with its showers of starry yellow flowers on bare bushy branches will always reward us during the darkest of Winter days with what seems almost like a firework display of scented flowers.

Birds – The antics of birds always lift my spirits. Aren't they flashes of life hopping from stem to stem, twig to twig. ...Then their crisp, crunchy rustling sound of leaves being tossed about as our avian friends search earnestly for a juicy insect, worm or seed. Remember when the icy fingers of frost pinch hard our feathered visitors are in trouble. Arctic conditions create a danger zone for our garden birds, especially our ground feeders such as doves, pigeons, sparrows, starlings and buntings. Most of all, maybe spend some time in the presence of these sentient creatures and let their soulful songs and ongoing quests for survival bring some vibrancy to our lives, to our Winter days.

MIGHT DO MAYBE, DECEMBER/ JANUARY JOBS

Make sure to bring in citrus fruits in pots. Increase their humidity by placing their pots in bases of damp gravel or hydroponics. Allow their surfaces to dry out between waterings.



Garden Bird Feeder Photo: Philippa Thomas

Ideally, use rainwater and let plants dry thoroughly and probably best not to feed them.

Alpines need all the light they can get so regularly remove fallen leaves in the crowns of these tiny gems.

Seaweed Boom. Sales of seaweed fertilisers are on the rise as gardeners turn to more natural products.

Let's give thought to all our house plants – they really hate our winter, especially a hot centrally heated room where the air gets very dry. Most plants originate in jungle environments, so again, place them on trays/ bases of gravel - , then humidity will perk up the plants. Again, rainwater is ideal for watering.



Create some real seasonal drama with two varieties of Skimmias male and female

and then a Wintergreen or Checkberry Plant

Photo: Philippa Thomas

MAYBE, WORTHWHILE, PONDERING ABOUT FOR 2019

Homes needn't be 'plantless' so bring the beauty of nature indoors. Thanks to social media and picture sharing, media people are being encouraged without a garden to accessorise their homes with exotic looking succulents and jungle-style foliage plants. Sales of *Aloe Vera*, *Echeverias* and *Airplants* have surged, leaving some suppliers struggling to keep up.

Neighbourhoods that are barren of trees have been shown to have a greater incidence of violence than their greener counterparts. ...Studies have also shown that patients with views of trees outside their windows heal faster and with few complications.

Peat and wood or coir, rather than plastic pots will be available to buy, in the not-too-distant future.

Without question of a doubt, the beauty of well-planted property and its surrounding street and neighbourhood can raise property values. People are far more attracted to leafy areas than those that are without trees.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Working with the hands frees the mind.” – My Dad.

“There are no gardening mistakes only experiments.” – Janet Kilburn Phillips.

“The love of gardening is a seed once grown that never dies.” – Gertrude Jekyll.

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Once upon a time, there was a special Holy Well in Dillon's Park

The journey has taken several years to complete but on Halloween 2018, we closed an important chapter on this interesting piece of Dalkey's history.

Hydrolatry or water worship, has a centuries old tradition in Ireland. Visiting holy wells was a particularly popular activity during the reign of Henry VIII in the 16th century. In times of religious persecution, these were safer gathering places than churches. Finding our ancient and holy wells today is not so easy and many have already been destroyed. With the successes of Catholic Emancipation in the early 19th century, attendances at many holy wells declined. Some also became locations for rowdy parties which also discouraged visitors. Today, by visiting these sites, we can follow in the footsteps of our ancestors and help to ensure their survival. It took Gary Branigan five years to complete his excellent 2012 publication "*Ancient & Holy Wells of Dublin*". As a guide to where the wells are located, it is truly a work of art!

History refers to several well-known wells here in Dalkey - Lady's Well, St Begnet's Well, and Scurvy Well. I bought a copy of Gary Branigan's book about three years ago when, as part of our Dalkey Tidy Towns efforts, we accidentally re-discovered a well in Dillon's Park which was buried in dense overgrowth. On page 105 of Gary's book, the site of the Well of Gailline is mentioned but the grid reference, latitude and longitude are stated to be unknown. In other words, it had joined the list of lost Holy Wells. Gary states "It is recorded in ancient times that atop Dalkey Hill was a great rock called *Cloch Tobair Gailline* which overhung a sacred well." rHad we found this lost "Holy Well"?

Following helpful research by Aideen Doyle, on the night before Halloween 2018, I invited Gary to join me in Dillon's Park to see if this is in fact the lost Ancient Holy Well of Gailline. He arrived on site at 18.45hrs and it was pitch dark. Armed with torches and mobile phones, we headed for our well - below the great rock and in view of Dalkey Island's Scurvy Well. Gary cautiously advised that given the sparse historic references to the exact location of the Well of Gailline, we cannot say with absolute certainty where the ancient well is or was located. In saying that, Gary spent some time carrying out a careful and thorough inspection of the spring well and a survey of the immediate topography of the area, he advised that, given what we know, everything in the region of Dillon's Park points to the fact that this spring well is likely to be the lost Well of Gailline, and although he couldn't be certain, he would bet his shirt on it!

Our Dalkey Tidy Towns team installed a sympathetic stone entrance path and commissioned a portcullis type gate for its protection and also that of our visitors. Do come and enjoy this ancient part of Dalkey's history in Dillon's Park and please help to keep it safe and clean if you can.

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Author Gary Branigan brings his book, '*Ancient & Holy Wells of Dublin*' to Dillon's Park

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Loreto Primary School Space Ship

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SPACE WEEK

Last month, Loreto Primary School took part in Space Week. We all enjoyed learning about our Solar System and other space related topics such as black holes, galaxies and stars.

Interesting facts about Space were announced over the intercom during the course of the week.

Fifth Class were very busy working in pairs researching information

on Space. These facts were used to create informative projects which are displayed in the school corridor. Fifth Class presented their projects with confidence to the junior and senior assemblies.

The artist Peter Thorpe was the inspiration for some beautiful artwork produced throughout the school.

Did you know?

Jupiter has sixty three moons.

It takes around eight minutes for light from the sun to reach Earth.

The sun is a dwarf star.

Scientists think there is life on Mars.

Overall, Space Week was a great success and we can't wait for next year.

By Anna Barry and Caoimhe Bridgeman (Ms. O'Loughlin's Fifth Class)

BIODIVERSITY AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Tree Day took place on the 4th of October. To celebrate this day in Loreto Primary School, Senior Infants and First Class planted Guelder-rose trees in the school garden. We can't wait to see them grow. Interesting facts about different trees were read out over the intercom on that day. Fifth Class took a trip to Killiney Hill where they learned about trees native to Ireland. We would like to thank Mick Kingston, head gardener of Killiney Hill Park for taking the time to share his knowledge of trees with Fifth Class.

Climate Change Week took place in the month of October. Climate change refers to long-term changes in the earth's weather patterns or average temperature. Ireland's Climate is constantly changing e.g. with the snow we experienced in March and the heatwave in June. The most effective way of addressing climate change is to reduce carbon emissions, so we talked about what we could do to achieve this. We suggested walking, cycling or scooting to school if possible. Every little helps.

Our Green Schools Committee meets once every month where we discuss ways we can help make the world a better place. We will continue to work hard to earn our next green flag which is for Global Citizenship – Litter and Waste.

By Beth White and Kitty Murphy (Ms. O'Loughlin's Fifth Class)



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The Autumn term has been very busy at Castle Park School and one of the highlights was STEAM Day. On Friday 12th October the whole school engaged in activities linking Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths. The theme for the day was: “*A Healthy Body in a Healthy Mind*” (based on our School motto) was used to link all of the STEAM subjects. The school timetable was set aside for the day, and pupils moved around the school, completing various tasks and activities.

In Music, pupils explored the importance of good breathing technique for singing and how singing can help you breathe more deeply. Calm breathing exercises and warm up songs were used to demonstrate improved breath control. In Science, the children focused on lung capacity and how it is measured. They measured reflexes. They also learnt how to make and use a skipping rope from recycled materials. The children in the Sports Hall could be seen taking and comparing resting and active heart rates, whilst in ICT pupils designed, built and programmed robots in small teams. The programmes developed were used to demonstrate how to stay healthy both physically and mentally. The children produced human spirographs in Art and learnt about body proportion whilst carrying out abstract artwork. Languages were also incorporated into the activities and pupils had the opportunity to create their own robots out of recycled materials and label the different parts of the body in French.



Human Spirograph

Photo: Castle Park School



Programming robots

Photo: Castle Park School

Maths activities, linked to the theme, were carried out with class teachers in the afternoon, and the day concluded with a quiet period of reflection for all of the children. Some took part in meditations, others carried out mindful breathing exercises, while others engaged in silent reading sessions.

A wonderful day was had by all.

Sherry Evers,
Castle Park School

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Scares at School!

It was that time of year again. Cold and grey on the way to school. Nearly dark on the way home. The wind howled. The school building creaked and was wreathed in cob-webs. Around every corner was another scare – a ghost, a skeleton, an-undead Barbie. School had never been so scary.

It was the start of the mid-term break and the day of the Halloween disco at DSP. What a combination for spooky shenanigans. The kids loved it. Classes of demons and monsters (and the occasional hot-dog) were taught by teachers in full costume. Zombie cheerleaders and pirate princesses danced



Zoltan the Great



Haunted Disco

All photos: DSP

their hearts out in the Halla. Superheroes did not use their super powers to skip the line as they were too afraid of the Scary Parents (who weren't even dressed up!) that manned the Tuck Shop. Zoltan the Great weaved his magic to predict the fortunes of his spellbound listeners.

‘The end of another Spooktacular day at DSP’, the Principal smiled, then used her skeleton key to lock the school for mid-term.

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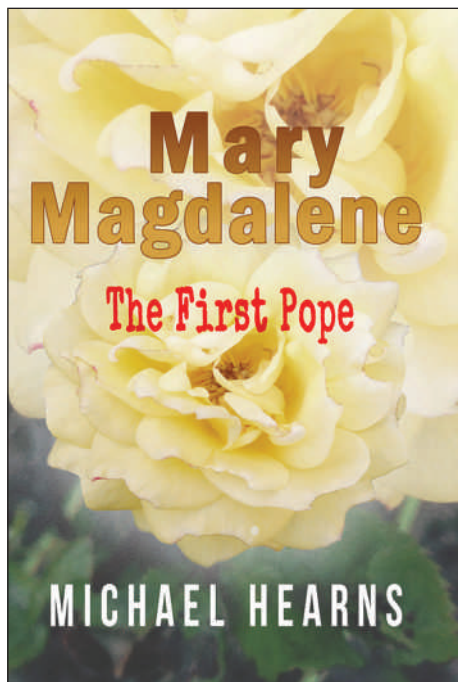
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6th Class with Shield

5th & 6th Class' Autumn GAA League

Recently two teams from Harold Boys' N.S. started a GAA league up at the Thomastown pitches. It is called *The Christopher Cannon Cup*. Eoghan Hosford captained our sixth class team. Eddie Rafferty captained our fifth class team. The first week was a blitz for sixth class, so there were a few matches that were eleven minutes long. Fifth class beat Colmcille's N.S. during their first week. On the second week sixth class played against Carysfort N.S. and barely scraped three points to win by just one point. Fifth class played against Scoil Mhuire in the second week, it was a tight match but they managed to win in the end. The third week Eoghan's team played against Johnstown which they won by a few points. Eddie's team beat The Harold, Glashule during week three by a wide margin. On the fourth week sixth class played St. Cronin's N.S. which was their first loss of the league, which was very disappointing. The fifth week was sixth class' biggest win, which was against St. Anne's N.S. This meant they had made it to the Shield Final. The same week fifth class made it to the Cup Final. During the last week sixth class won the Shield Final against Carysfort N.S. The final score was 7-6 to 5-6. Fifth class won the Cup Final against Colmcille's N.S. Well done to both teams!

Written by Eoghan Hosford (6th Class Captain)



5th Class with Cup

Photos: Harold Boys N.S.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – Weeks 41-45 8/10/2018 to 9/11/2018

The material in the Planning Section of the Newsletter is based entirely on data taken from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council's website. If you are concerned about a particular item it is strongly recommended that you examine the relevant file in the Council's offices.

Due to variation in the publication dates by Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, please note that the deadline for planning observations/objections may have lapsed when it is read in the Dalkey Newsletter.

Reg. Ref. D18A/0756

Application Rec'd Date: 3-Aug-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Naoise & David Wilkinson, 10 Castlepark Rd. Sandycove.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear of existing terraced part 2 storey / part 3 storey dwelling and the subsequent construction of a new single storey extension to the rear; modification of existing windows and doors; new external insulation to the rear; widening of existing vehicular entrance and all associated site works. **Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds):** 9-Oct-2018.

Reg. Ref. D18A/0959

Application Rec'd Date: 10-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Suzanne Lopez, Martello Tower, Bartra Rock, Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96 XE14 (A Protected Structure and a Recorded Monument - DU 023- 22)

Proposal: Permission for amendments to a previously granted planning permission (ref. D15A/0681). etc **Declare Application Invalid:** 12-Oct-2018.

Reg. Ref. D18B/0437

Application Rec'd Date: 9-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Denise Charlton. 3 Bloyke, Bloyke Laneway, Harbour Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for a single storey flat roof extension to south-east front of existing split-level dwelling, consisting of entrance lobby/living room, bedroom and en-suite, including a new terrace to side and associated site works including landscaping, car parking and drainage.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0994

Application Rec'd Date: 19-Oct-2018

Applic. Name & Location: Frances Keely & Donal O'Raghallaigh, 6, Mapas Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a dormer window and rooflight to the rear of the pitched roof of the two storey house.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0982

Application Rec'd Date: 17-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Muireann McDonnell & Risteard Sheridan, Ebenezer, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for amendment to existing permission (D17A/0360) etc.

Declare Application Invalid: 19-Oct-2018.

Reg. Ref. D13B/0336/E

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Oct-2018

Applic. Name & Location: David G A Moore, Lilliput, 5 Mont Alto, Sorrento Rd, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing lean-to extension and shed to facilitate the construction of a 2 storey extension to the rear and a first floor extension on the existing rear ground floor walls to include 3 Velux windows, the raising in heights of the existing chimneys and associated works. **Application Type:** Extension of Duration of Permission.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0384

Application Rec'd Date: 27-Apr-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Richard and Carol Cullen Location Lismore, Knocknacree Grove, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for works to a protected structure to consist of the demolition of the existing single storey pitched roof extension to the side and rear of the existing 3 storey pitched roof dwelling and the demolition of the detached flat roof garage and the replacement with a new single storey flat roof extension to the rear and new

detached flat roof garage/carport.etc. **Further Information/ Clarification of F.I. Recd Additional Information Rec'd (New Adds). Clarification of A.I.: 7-Sep-'18, 26-Oct-'18.**

Reg. Ref. D18A/0418

Application Rec'd Date: 4-May-2018.

Applicant Name & Location: MelmousaDevco Ltd., Lands at Dalkey Manor, Barnhill Rd., Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for a new mixed-residential development comprising: erection of (a) 13 no. houses with private gardens comprising 2 no. two-bedroom detached single storey, 2 no. threebedroom end-of-terrace two storey and 9 no. three-bedroom terraced two-and-a-half storey; (b) 23 no. apartment units with associated private amenity space comprising 9 no. one-bedroom, 10 no. two-bedroom (including 1 no. private terrace area), and 4 no. three-bedroom with private terraces in a three-storey over basement apartment building. The basement level will include 29 no. car parking spaces, 42 no. bicycle parking spaces; refuse storage, gym and associated courtyard, plant area and additional apartment storage units. Other works as part of the development to include: (c) 15 no. car parking spaces and 24 no. bicycle parking spaces at surface level; (d) upgrade of existing vehicular entrance on Barnhill Road with provision of internal roads, footpaths, shared surfaces and street lighting; (e) provision of public open space including courtyard with landscaping works to include tree planting and provision of green areas and treatments to site boundaries; (f) surface water and foul drainage; water connections and alteration to site levels; (g) demolition of existing two-storey dwelling (273 sq.m), entrance gates, piers and splay walls and ancillary single-storey outbuilding; and (h) all other site works necessary to facilitate the development on a site of c.0.935 hectares. The proposed development is adjacent to a protected structure.

Further Info./ Clarification of F.I. Recd Add. Info. Rec'd (New Adds): 23-Oct-2018

Reg. Ref. D18A/1004

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Ian and Jane Brady, 21, Castlepark Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for widening site vehicular access gate, with 2 new piers, attic conversion, rebuilding existing front dormer type window full width of the front roof, rebuilding existing rear dormer type window full width of the rear roof, new dormer type window to the south-side, new gable end to existing rear roof, some internal alteration, and associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D18A/1006

Application Rec'd Date: 25-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Ciaran Cooke, Carrigbaun Mews, Meaney Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention Permission and Permission for development. The development consists of retention of residential mews building (previously permitted as a games room under Reg. Ref.8042/77) and permission for replacement of roof with pitched roof, fitting three number Velux roof lights, change of window to rear facade, and all associated site works including landscape area of private open space (76sq.m). **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1020

Application Rec'd Date: 1-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Muireann McDonnell & Risteard Sheridan, Ebenezer, Sorrento Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for amendment to existing permission (D17A/0360) to re-position a bedroom window of the rear south-western elevation to the western corner of the dwelling at first floor level with associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1023

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Noel & Ann Meaney, Sala Tiga, Meany Avenue, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for demolition of an existing 3-bed single storey dwelling and replacement with new 3-bed dormer dwelling and associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18B/0479

Application Rec'd Date: 2-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Christian Donagh, Aedín Neilan & Martine Lavery, 8 & 10 Cunningham Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for new rear garden fencing next to western boundary within the property at No. 10 Cunningham Road and Retention for development is sought for existing fencing next to eastern boundary within the property at No. 8 Cunningham Road by way of a joint planning application. **Declare Application Invalid:** 8-Nov-2018.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1031

Application Rec'd Date: 5-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Suzanne Lopez, Martello Tower, Bartra Rock, Harbour Road, Dalkey. A96 XE14 (A Protected Structure and a Recorded Monument - DU 023-22).

Proposal: Permission for amendments to a previously granted planning permission (ref. D15A/0681). The proposed amendments consist of: 1. Minor reduction in total glazed area to accommodate structural supports. 2. Introduction of oak board and batten rain-screen cladding to areas where structural supports are integrated with glazing system. 3. Revised material specification to fascia to be corten steel in lieu of previously granted zinc. 4. Revised link bridge design to be open lightweight corten steel structure in lieu of previously granted fully enclosed metal and glass structure. 5. Site drainage proposals. 6. Minor amendments to soft landscaping proposal. 7. Amendments to internal layout.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/1044

Application Rec'd Date: 8-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Joan & Paul O'Loughlin, 57 Mapas Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for revisions to previously approved dwelling (Reg Ref no. D09A/0275) to include: 1. Omission of approved basement. 2. Revised roof profiles to include reduced roof height. 3. Revised external finishes, window and door design to front, sides and rear. 4. Revised internal floor layout and ancillary works to the side.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0895 **Decision:** Request Additional Information **Date:** 9-Nov-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Marian & Justin MacInnes, Rear of Montpelier, Ardeevin Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Retention planning permission for the following developments consisting of: A) The refurbishment and restoration works to the original coach house, B) The erection of a single storey timber garden shed structure (24.5 sqm). Both developments to the rear of the site. A Protected Structure. **Application Type:** Permission for Retention.

PLANNING DECISIONS FOR Wks 41-45 8/10/2018 to 9/11/2018

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0791 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 10-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: PJ Gallagher, Old Rock, Ardbrugh Road, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of: The demolition of the existing part single storey, part two storey, 4 bedroom, detached house. Construction of a new three storey, 5 bedroom, detached house. Including balconies at first and second floor to the front. Including balcony at first floor to the rear. Relocation of the existing pedestrian gate and alterations to the existing vehicular entrance, to the front boundary off Ardbrugh Road. Associated site works.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0811 **Decision:** Request Add. Info. **Date:** 16-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Greg and Rebecca Porter, Old Quarry, Dalkey.

Proposal: Permission is sought for single two storey dwelling house with new vehicular access.

Reg. Ref. D18A/0183 **Decision:** Declare Applic. Withdrawn **Date:** 23-Oct-2018

Applicant Name & Location: Gwen & Richard Porter, Rear of 59B Castle Street, Dalkey.

A96 P997 (within an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA))

Proposal: Permission for the demolition of an existing sub-standard ground and first extension and shed and the construction of a ground and first floor extension. In ACA.

Reg. Ref. D18A/0756 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 26-Oct-2018.
Applic. Name & Location: Naoise & David Wilkinson, 10 Castlepark Road, Sandycove.
Proposal: Permission for the demolition of existing single storey extension to the rear of existing terraced part 2 storey / part 3 storey dwelling and the subsequent construction of a new single storey extension to the rear; modification of existing windows and doors; new external insulation to the rear; widening of existing vehicular entrance and all associated site works.

Reg. Ref. D18A/0829 **Decision:** Grant Permission **Date:** 23-Oct-2018
Applicant Name & Location: Peter O'Connell, Cliff Castle, 23 Coliemore Road, Dalkey.
Proposal: Permission for a development (Protected Structure). The development will consist of the construction of a new 4m x 12m external swimming pool within the existing front garden terrace area.

Appeals Notified by An Bord Pleanála Wks. 41-45 8/10/18 to 9/11/18

Reg Ref: D18A/0700 **Reg. Date:** 19-Jul-2018
Location: Site of c.0.4ha at Dalkey Lodge Nursing Home, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey,
Development: Permission for demolition of the existing nursing home (c.951.5 sqm), construction of a 2 no. terraces of 2-3 storeys with a total of 15 no. dwelling units comprising 9 no. 3 bedroom houses, 3 no. 3 bedroom duplex apartments and 3 no. 2 bedroom duplex apartments. Total residential gross floor area 2,529 sqm. All associated site development works, services provision, car parking, cycle parking, bin stores, open space, revised vehicular/pedestrian access (including separate access to 1 no. unit), landscaping and boundary treatment work. **Council Decision:** Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 8-Oct-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission.
Type of Appeal: 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D18A/0723 **Reg. Date:** 26-Jul-2018
Location: 5, Rockfort Cottages, Rockfort Avenue, Dalkey, A96 Y529
Development: Permission is sought for development consisting of new first floor and pitched roof over existing single storey dwelling, new driveway/parking space in front garden, internal and external alterations and associated site works.
Council Decision: Refuse Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 15-Oct-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Refusal of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 1st Party Appeal.

Reg Ref: D18B/0351 **Reg. Date:** 7-Aug-2018
Location: The Gables, Sorrento Road, Dalkey. **A96 HK59.**
Development: Permission for a new first floor pitched roofed extension including roof lights to the south elevation, new roof light to the north roof elevation, internal amendments and all associated site works. **Council Decision:** Grant Permission.
Appeal Lodged: 15-Oct-2018. **Nature of Appeal:** Appeal against Grant of Permission.
Type of Appeal: 1st Party Conditions.

Reg Ref: D18A/0791 **Reg. Date:** 16-Aug-2018
Location: Old Rock, Ardburgh Road, Dalkey.
Development: Permission for development at this site. The development will consist of: The demolition of the existing part single storey, part two storey, 4 bedroom, detached house. Construction of a new three storey, 5 bedroom, detached house. Including balconies at first and second floor to the front. Including balcony at first floor to the rear. Relocation of the existing pedestrian gate and alterations to the existing vehicular entrance, to the front boundary off Ardburgh Road. Associated site works.
Council Decision: Grant Permission. **Appeal Lodged:** 2-Nov-2018
Nature of Appeal: Appeal against Grant of Permission. **Type of Appeal:** 3rd Party Appeal.

Appeals Decisions of An Bord Pleanála Wks. 41-45 1/10/'18 to 2/11/'18

Reg. Ref.: D17A/0988 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **Decided:** 11-Oct-2018.

Council's Decision: Grant Permission for Retention.

Applicant: Solly Whites Ltd. **Location:** The Dalkey Duck, Castle Street, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Retention permission to retain single storey administration/office extension and separate bin store to the rear of property.

Reg. Ref.: D18A/0237 **Appeal Decision:** Grant Permission **New Determination Date Due:** 16-Nov-2018. **Appeal Decided:** 31-Oct. '18. **Council's Decision:** Grant Permission.

Location: Site accessed off Ulverton Road between Ashling, Ulverton Road, Dalkey and Verona (68) Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

Proposed Development: Permission for construction of one new three storey flat roof (two-storey over lower ground floor) detached dwelling with roof terrace. New vehicular entrance off Ulverton Road. New boundaries, landscaping, drainage, ancillary works and associated works. **Applicant:** Brinnin Holdings Ltd.



ST. PATRICK'S NATIONAL SCHOOL



NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day was 4th October. We had assembly in the Church garden on the day and Rev. Hayes was on hand to help us plant a Hazel tree to celebrate.

The children are very much looking forward to watching the tree grow and mature.



Photos:

St. Patrick's National School



ASK THE PHARMACIST



Q. I have been feeling unwell for a few days with a fever, sore throat and a dry cough – I am worried I may have the flu. How do I know if it is a cold or the flu that I have and how can I manage it?

A. Flu symptoms generally come on suddenly with symptoms of fever, muscle aches, headache and fatigue. Symptoms of a cold appear gradually, are not as severe, and often just affect your nose and throat. It

generally resolves by itself within 7 days.

Flu symptoms are caused by the influenza virus which is a highly infectious illness that affects the lungs and upper airways. Symptoms include a sudden high temperature, generalised aches and pains, dry cough, nausea and loss of appetite. It is a very common illness that occurs every year, usually during the winter months and the virus is spread in the small droplets of saliva coughed or sneezed into the air by an infected person, which if inhaled can be infectious. It can also spread if someone with the virus touches common surfaces (such as a door handle) with unwashed hands. Symptoms develop one to four days after being infected.

If you become infected with the flu virus your body will produce antibodies against it. Antibodies are proteins that recognise and fight off germs that have invaded your blood. Your antibodies will remember this flu virus and fight it if it invades your body again. Over time the flu virus can mutate and change into a different version, which means your body may not recognise it and you can catch flu again in the future.

Management of the flu can normally be done by yourself at home if you are otherwise fit and healthy. You should make sure to have plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids. You can take paracetamol or ibuprofen based cold remedies to lower your temperature and relieve symptoms. You may need to stay in bed for two or three days after your symptoms peak.

If you are in an at-risk group and have flu-like symptoms, or if your flu symptoms are getting worse, you should see your GP as it is more likely that a complication may occur.

The at-risk groups are:

- people aged 65 and older,
- people with certain medical conditions (long-term heart, lung, kidney, liver or neurological disease, diabetes or those with a weakened immune system due to treatment or disease)
- people living in nursing or residential homes where the spread of the virus is more likely.

The most common complication of seasonal flu is a bacterial chest infection. Occasionally, this can become serious and develop into pneumonia. Treatment for this is normally with an antibiotic which your doctor can prescribe.

It is possible to get a vaccination against influenza. This is season specific and contains a number of strains which are based on predictions of strains likely to circulate by the World Health Organisation. The best time to get the vaccine is in October and November before the peak of the 'Flu epidemic hits the population. It is especially advised for the above at-risk groups and pregnant women. It is available from a GP or Pharmacy and may be free of charge for at-risk groups.

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The Incinerator structure is enormous – bigger than the Aviva Stadium! It is also very impressive on all fronts and well worth a visit. As Kieran Mullins of Covanta pointed out, what we see emerging from the chimney is steam. The furnace ash is removed by truck. Our Dalkey black bag rubbish becomes an asset as an energy source.

Covanta has also created the Community Gain Fund. To date, it has allocated €10 million to local organisations including Railway Union Sports Club, Stella Maris Rowing Club, Marian College, St Patrick's Boy's National School and others.

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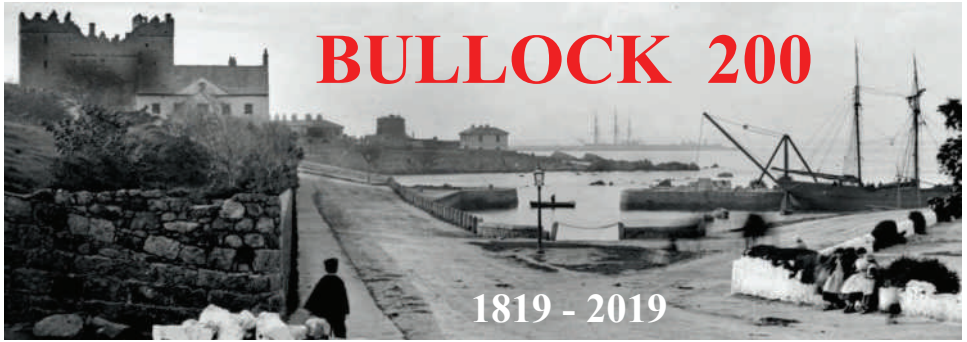
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Bullock Harbour Bicentenary Lectures

This famous Dalkey landmark was constructed by the Ballast Board (now the Dublin Port Company) over the winter of 1818/19 for the shipping of granite from their quarry on Harbour Road to construct the city quays. The present walls were built over the breakwater of the medieval fishing port in the tidal rocky creek below Bullock Castle.

Bullock Harbour Preservation Association and Dublin Port Company are organising a series of talks in **Dalkey Castle & Heritage Centre**. Admission is free but places should be pre-booked with the Heritage Centre by e-mail to info@dalkeycastle.com

Tuesday 4 December 8pm - The History and Heritage of Bullock Harbour. Rob Goodbody, Historic Building Consultant & Local Historian.

Tuesday 22 January 8pm - The Building of Bullock Harbour. Elizabeth Shotton, Assoc Professor, UCD School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy.

Tuesday 12 February 8pm - Bullock Harbour into the Future; Monitoring and Repairs. Eamon McElroy, Port Engineer, Dublin Port Company.

Tuesday 12 March 8pm - Port Collections; History of the Port and the Port Archive Lar Joye, Port Heritage Director, Dublin Port Company.

Tuesday 9 April 8pm - Dublin Bay Biosphere Panel discussion.

Tuesday 9 May 2019 - Hugh Leonard Walk with Danielle Keyes-Byrne.

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Sunday Services for December

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| 2nd December | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Eucharist |
| 9th December | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Christingle |
| 16th December | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Eucharist |
| | 7pm Christmas Carol Service | |
| 23rd December | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Morning Prayer |
| 24th December | 11.15pm Eucharist | |
| 25th December | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Eucharist |
| 30th December | 9am Eucharist | 10.15am Favourite Readings & Hymns |
| Sunday Service for January | 6th January | 9am Eucharist |
| | 13th January | 9am Eucharist |
| | 20th January | 9am Eucharist |
| | 27th January | 9am Eucharist |

Midweek Every Thursday 10.30am Eucharist

Our Lady's Manor – The Eucharist will be celebrated in Our Lady's Manor on Tuesday 4th & 18th December at 2.30p.m. Our January dates are 8th & 22nd also at 2.30pm.

Christmas Fair – The Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, 1st December from 10.30am – 12noon. Stalls will include Christmas Crafts, Cakes, Raffle, Deli food, Books, Bric-a-brac, toys. Tea and coffee and mince pies and Santa will be making an appearance! Admission €2.50 for adults, €5.00 per child (Child admission includes visit to Santa and gift).

Film Social – On Monday 10th December, we will have a family film (details in next "Contact") for which we will be pleased to be joined by accompanied children. All welcome! Come for some entertainment, a cup of tea and the opportunity for a chat, in the gallery room (upstairs in the Hall) at 2.30pm.

Craft Group – The Craft Group normally meets in the Gallery Room of the Northover Hall on each Tuesday of the month from 3p.m. Over the Christmas period there is so much to be done elsewhere, the group takes an extended break until January, the date of return will be advised.

Choir Practice – The choir meets to prepare the music for the Sunday Service each Wednesday of the week at 7.30pm in the church. New members are always welcome.

Parent & Toddler – Come along and meet others for fun, support and fellowship at our Parent and Toddler Group. It takes place in the Northover Hall each week on a Tuesday at 10.30am for an hour and a half. There will be a break in meetings over the Christmas holidays.



DARA CHOIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT



The Annual Dalkey Active Retirement Association's Christmas Charity Concert takes place in the Church of the Assumption, Dalkey, on **Friday, 14th December, 2018 at 8.00 p.m.**

We will be joined by Cadenza Strings and Baritone Gyula Nagy from the Royal Opera, Covent Garden. The children from the Harold School, Glasthule, will also sing with us. Our accompanist will be Judith Mate and our Musical Director will conduct the concert. Admission is free and our charity this year is the local Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. All donations are welcome for St. Vincent de Paul.

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Sunday, December 2nd, 2018
Christmas Tree Lighting
Crib with Real Animals
Carol Singing
Santa's arrival in Dalkey
Church Car Park 4.30 p.m.



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The 40ft. is a favourite place
For many I've no doubt
At any hour of the day
You'll see the faithful out
Some arrive at crack of dawn
Before the business of the day
An early morning dip is just the thing
To send you buoyant on your way
There are groups that meet on the hour
At eight or nine or ten
Those who prefer the afternoon
It really doesn't matter when
Some choose to follow the tide
To ensure there's water in a-plenty
But there's always water at the 40 ft.
Perhaps that's why the gentry
Or rather the gentlemen of Sandycove
Held on so long to the privilege and right
To call this bathing place their own
Now relinquished but not without a fight
Skinny dipping is not encouraged
After a certain hour
And the ladies are as welcome as the gentlemen
So here's to girl power!

We must respect the ocean
And when the waves are high and mighty
Dashing in like a herd of buffaloes
Or thoroughbred stallions swift and flighty
We have the option to retreat
To Sandycove next door
And to the luxury of a shelter
If the rain begins to pour
The 40ft. is a sociable and friendly place
And we become quite pally
Soon on first name terms, there's Fidelma,
Brendan
Several Pats and Annes, it's hard to keep a tally
We have a group of Russians
Who enhance their dip
With a cup of coffee and a dash of vodka
Just a nip!
Others travel quite a distance
But they say that it's worthwhile
They may arrive a little out of sorts
But never leave without a smile
Some saunter down in a dressing gown
From their residence close by
I cycle on my bicycle
With the wind behind me I just fly
For me it has become a habit
You may think that I'm a basket case
This obsession with the 40ft.
My very favourite place.

*Suzanne Hayes,
October 2018*



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SERVICES FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS:

2nd Dec Advent Sunday: 8.30am HC Rite 1, 10.45 Advent Carol Service

9th Dec Advent 2: 8.30am HC Rite 2, 10.45 Children's Gift Service
 3pm. Service and Social in the Carry Centre

16th Dec Advent 3: 8.30am HC Rite 1, 10.45 Parish Communion, 4pm
 Community Carol Service, followed by reception in The Carry Centre

19th Dec 7.00 pm - Senior Nativity Service GKNS

20th Dec 11 am - Junior Nativity Service GKNS

23rd Dec Advent 4 8.30am HC Rite 2, 10.45 Service of the Word.

25th Dec Christmas Day: 8.30am HC Rite 1, 10.45 Parish Communion. *Holy Trinity Church, Killiney*

27th Dec Thurs – NB There will be no midweek Communion

30th Dec First Sunday of Christmas: 8.30am HC Rite 2, 10.45 Morning Prayer



From the Rector: The builders are in, and things are vibrating off the shelves as I write this. My mind and prayers are naturally drawn to peace, not just in the rectory, but in the next few weeks for anyone who finds Christmas lonely, stressful or sad. Especially we remember Joan on the recent loss of her sister. May Christ bring peace to all in need of it, wherever there is trouble or pain and may we be especially be aware of His presence in this time.

Flower Guild – We look forward to decorating the church for our Christmas Carol Service. The theme will be red, green and gold. Donations of red flowers, evergreen foliage, ivy or branches with berries would be most welcome. Decoration takes place on Saturday 15th December at 10 am.

Charity Christmas Cards – Thank you to all those who supported the sale of Charity Christmas Cards on Sunday 11th November and a total of €1,500 was raised. In particular thanks to Dorothy Barrett for organising the event.

Sunday Club – The Christmas Family Gift Service will take place on Sunday 9th Dec.

Service & Social – The next gathering will be on Sunday 9th December at 3pm in the Carry Centre. Please contact the Rector or Joan Whyte for more information.

Bible Study and Prayer Group – The Bible Study & Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday 11 December at 10.30 am in the Carry Centre and will continue the study of St John's Gospel. Please consider coming along for a pleasant and painless experience!

SILK - Socials Involving Ladies of Killiney is looking forward to their Christmas meal on Wednesday 12th December in Cafe 31 at 8pm. The Committee members are Zandra Laing, Vivienne Mitchell and Laura Martin.

Sheep Thrills held a Halloween sale in aid of the Irish Guide Dogs for the blind at the Victoria Tea Rooms raising €1,208 in four hours. We were most grateful for tremendous support before and after the event.

Our community group meets every Thursday at 11am in the Carry Centre. Just come along, no joining€3, fresh coffee and homemade biscuits. Everyone is welcome. Contact Joan 087 2460078.

The Y Club – Killiney Men’s Society: The members travelled to Limerick for our October meeting. We had a very good lunch in a restaurant outside St John’s Castle, which was followed by a most informative tour of the Cathedral. The Very Rev’d Niall J. Sloane, the instigator behind the Y Club, thanked the members of the Y Club for coming to Limerick to visit him and for their generous donation towards St Mary’s Cathedral.

The Y Club Christmas dinner will be held at the National Yacht Club Dun Laoghaire on Thursday 13th December at 20:00 hours. For further information about this dinner and other meetings please contact Paul O’Brien or Nigel Teggan

Ladies Guild – PLASTIC, PLASTIC AND YET MORE PLASTIC! We heard a lot about this when Martha Casserly, Environmental Awareness Officer for Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, visited us and talked about Infrastructure and Climate Change. We heard startling, shocking and surprising details about the state of our planet and the speed of change taking place all around us. This and a visit to the Cool Planet Experience (Powerscourt, Enniskerry) made us more aware of the delicate ecosystem and the carbon foot print which we will leave!

Advent sees the preparation of seasonal hand-crafts, produce for a cake stall, sustaining carol singers with mince pies and enjoying our annual Christmas lunch.

Table Tennis: The club meets on Mondays at 8pm in the Carry Centre. If you are interested in trying out table tennis, you would be very welcome (and we will even lend you a bat!). For more information please contact Sandra Moore 087 6291568.

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Christmas Greetings from Dalkey Parish Church of the Assumption, Dalkey

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We had a wonderful afternoon of music, dancing and fun with our group of friends from Mosney direct provision centre. We thank Comhaltas Ceoltóirí in Monkstown for hosting this afternoon and to the wonderful young musicians who taught us new steps and tunes. And a big thank you to everyone who brought cakes, fruit and drinks for us to share. The lemon cheesecake was a big winner as was the Bodhrán ‘banging’ with the younger ones!! We hope to continue these sessions of Trad music sharing over the coming months so if you would like to be involved – let us know. Music speaks all languages.

Thanks also to all who were involved in our **St Begnet's Festival**. This year we celebrated the life of our patron saint on her Feast Day with a series of events including walking in the footsteps of Naomh Begnet along St Begnet's Way, art therapy with Liz Murray, talks by Liz and Professor Edel Breathnach looking at the history and connection of saints in Dalkey since 1AD and a wonderful Viola recital with Bogdan Rusin in the Church on Sunday. We continue to celebrate our connection to St Begnet with ‘*Carols by Candlelight*’ on Sunday Dec 9th at 7.30pm at the old St Begnet's Church and Graveyard at the Heritage Centre in Dalkey. Many thanks to Margaret for giving us permission to access the centre for this event. All are most welcome.



At the annual Ecumenical Service on St. Begnet's Day, in Begnet's Old Church, Dalkey. Photo. Church of the Assumption

DARA Choir's annual Christmas concert is on **14th December at 8pm** in the Church which will include carols, Christmas songs and some of their own favourites! Voluntary proceeds in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. Everyone is welcome.

This year our inter-denominational service for Church Unity will take place at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 22nd Jan** and will be followed by a cuppa in Our Lady's Hall. The guest speaker for this year will be announced in due course. The theme for the 2019 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, “Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power,” is taken from the book of Exodus 15:6. This is a wonderful occasion of unity for Church and all are welcome.

We welcome everyone to the annual lighting of the Christmas tree in the Church car park on Sun 2nd Dec and to Santa's arrival at 5pm. This year the choir from Loreto Abbey will sing a selection of Christmas carols in the Church starting at **4pm** before Santa arrives at 5. The live crib at Archbold's Castle will open for visitors from 4pm. Please come along and join in the singing!

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Finally, may we wish you all a wonderful season of loving, giving, caring, smiling and remembering the true spirit of the first Christmas to love and be loved. Remember when you give and receive hugs that God loves you much more than you can ever imagine. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! from all the parish team.

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MORE EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH



U3A (University of the Third Age) Dun Laoghaire Dalkey Killiney. U3A meets every second Tuesday at 10:30am in The Pastoral Centre, St. Joseph's Church, Glashule. Email: dldk.u3a@gmail.com Membership for 2018 is full. Refer to www.u3adldk.ie for further information.



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Dalkey Ukulele Klub Tuesdays 8-10pm upstairs at The Club. Free Ukulele Jamming session. All are very welcome. Call Debbie 087-2350726 for more information.

NATURE NOTES DECEMBER 2018

All talks take place at 20.00 hours in The Killiney Room of the Graduate Bar, Rochestown Ave. Further information on any events from Mary Daly secretary@southdublinbirds.com

Indoor Meeting – Tuesday 4 December: *Point Pelee*: Canada's migration hotspot, by Dick Coombes.

Outdoor Trip – Sunday 9 December: Outing to North Bull Island. Meet on the Causeway at 10.30am.

Tuesday 8th January 2019: *Birds of Japan*, by Niall Hatch (BirdWatch Ireland) Graduate Bar, Rochestown Ave, 8.00pm.

Sunday 13th January 2019: Outing to Cabinteely Park. Meet at Cabinteely House car park at 10.30am.

DUK ! Dalkey Ukulele Klub will be playing on stage in the church car park at the Turning on of the Lights again this year on Sunday 2nd December. Come along and enjoy the Christmas cheer!

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At 8pm Peter Pearson will speak on '*Art, Artefacts and Old Buildings in Dublin and Wicklow*' to the Kilmacanogue History Society in the Glenview Hotel, Glen of the Downs, Delgany. All welcome – admission €3.

Wednesday 5th at 8pm: There will be a screening of '*The Building of the Kish Lighthouse (DVD) and some of the history of the Kish Bank*' to the Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire. All welcome – Adm. €3.

Wednesday 5th at 8pm Paul Duffy will present '*From Carrickfergus to Carcassonne - Hugh de Lacy and the Cathar Crusade*' to the Rathmichael Historical Society in Rathmichael N.S. Stonebridge Rd. (Dublin Rd. end), Shankill. All welcome - Adm. €4.

Thursday 6th at 11.30 a.m.: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will recall '*Christmas 1943 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. All welcome - admission free.

At 7pm James Scannell, The Old Dublin Society, will recall '*Christmas 1918 in Kingstown and Dalkey*' in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome – admission free.

At 8pm the Mount Merrion Historical Society will host '*Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Ceol agus Craic*' in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4/Students €2.

Friday 7th at 11.30am: James Scannell, Bray Cualann Historical Society, will recall '*Christmas 1918 in Bray, Co. Wicklow*' in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. All welcome.

At 8pm Anthony Kinsella will present '*Home for Christmas: John Francis O'Reilly and John Kenny, the last German agents to Drop In*' to the Military History Society of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Rd., D.8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Saturday 8th at 2.30pm: Marcin Hasik will present '*Polish Armed Forces in the Russian army in the First World War*' to the Western Front Association (Dublin Branch) in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Monday 10th at 1.05pm: Dawn Klos will present '*The Widow's Tale*' to the Friends of Medieval Dublin in Dublin City Council, Wood Quay, D.2. All welcome - Adm. free,

Tuesday 11th at 7pm: Cormac Lowth will present the Leo Swan Memorial Lecture - '*Ireland's Underwater Archaeological Heritage*' to the Tallaght Historical Society in the County Library, The Square, Tallaght, D.24. Admission free – all welcome.

Thursday 13th at 7.30pm: Dr. Michael O'Neill will present '*The dioceses of Meath and Ossory in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries*' to the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, D.2. All welcome – admission free.

At 7.30pm Tim Moriarty will present '*Photographic Endeavours 2*' to the Irish Railway Record Soc. in the IRRS Premises, Heuston Station, D.8. Members and their guests only.

At 8.30pm. Carmel Cullen will present '*The History of Delia Murphy*' to the Enniskerry History Society in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village. All welcome - admission €5.

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Thursday 3rd at 8pm: David Crawford will recall '*Stanley Woods: The World's First Motorcycling Superstar*' to the Mount Merrion Historical Society in the Community Centre, North Avenue, Mount Merrion. All welcome – admission €4 / Students €2.

Tuesday 8th at 7pm: Brendan Twomey will present '*Swift and Money*' to the Tallaght Historical Society in the Co. Library, The Square, Tallaght. Admission free – all welcome.

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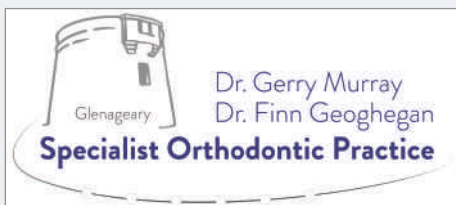
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Thursday 10th at 1.05pm: Barry Lewis will present '*The Exile's Tale*' to the Friends of Medieval Dublin in Dublin City Council, Wood Quay Venue, D. 2. All welcome.

Friday 11th at 8pm: Marcus de la Poer Beresford will present '*Marshall William Carr Beresford, the Ablest Man I have Seen with the Army*' to the Military History Soc. of Ireland in Griffith College, South Circular Road, D.8. All welcome – wheelchair access available.

Tuesday 15th at 8pm: Harry Bradshaw will present '*John Feeney, Forgotten Irish Tenor from Mayo*' to the Foxrock Local History Club in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, rere Foxrock R.C. Church, Foxrock. All welcome – admission €5.

Thursday 17th at 8pm: The AGM of the Bray Cualann Historical Society takes place in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. James Scannell will recall '*The Closure of the Harcourt Street, Dublin - Bray railway line, December 31st 1958*'. All welcome - admission €5.

At 8pm John Kirby will reveal '*Viking Dublin Uncovered*' to the Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society in the Holy Rosary Centre adjoining Holy Rosary Church, Greystones.

All welcome – admission charge.

Tuesday 22nd at 7pm: Las Fallon will present '*The Great Liberties Whiskey Fire of 1875*' to the Tallaght Hist. Soc. in the Co. Library, The Square, Tallaght. Adm. free – all welcome.

At 8pm Professor Elizabeth Shotton will present '*The Building of Bullock Harbour*' in Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre, Castle Street, Dalkey. All welcome.

Monday 28th at 8pm: Bernadine Nic Giolla Phádraig will speak on '*Irish Lace*' to the Clondalkin Historical Society in Arás Chronáin, Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. All welcome.



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| DCC December Monthly Meeting | Mon 10 Dec |
| DARA Christmas Concert Church of Assumption at 8pm | Fri 14 Dec |
| DCC January 2019 Monthly Meeting | Mon 7 Jan |
| Sorting of February Newsletter in OLH (1pm-2pm) | Thurs 24 Jan |

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Karate Classes in Town Hall on Wednesdays beginning January 9th at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. **Contact 085 1412828** or email secretary@hombudojokarate.com

Dalkey Players: Rehearsals in Harold Boys' School from 7:30-10:30pm-Tuesdays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

St. Patrick's Dramatic Society: Rehearsals in Northover Hall, Harbour Road from 8-10:30pm – Mondays & Thursdays. New members welcome.

Meditation Classes in Dalkey Castle & HC on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm

The Irish Vintage Radio & Sound Society meets monthly in Dalkey. If interested please call 086-8391839 - **NO Texts Please**

Scrabble & Afternoon Tea in aid of Barnardos every Wednesday at 3pm in Derrymore, 35, Coliemore Road, Dalkey. Call Di Fitzpatrick at 285 0593 for more information.

Baby & Toddler Group. All pre-schoolers with parents/minders welcome on Tuesdays from 3-4.30pm in the Methodist Church, Northumberland Ave., Dun Laoghaire. €2 includes light refreshments & story time. Contact Diane 087 778 7608

Parkrun - Every Saturday at 9.30am in Cabinteely, Shanganagh and Marlay Park

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Oh! How Television has (and Radio) has changed over the years

For several weeks now I have been putting a new receiver through its paces. This is a very comprehensive unit, which will record both terrestrial and satellite channels at the same time. It took me some time to get around the vast menus on this receiver, when I did get used to it I found it super. However this unit is not without its glitches, it crashed twice and as a result I lost one recording, there are also a couple of minor issues with subtitles. That aside it's the fastest receiver I have ever used, picture and sound quality is excellent (and it also receives Ultra HD, also known as 4K). If you're looking for a simple receiver, then this is not it. Prices and specification are available by calling the numbers below.

As always this time of year I would like to wish everybody a very Happy Christmas, and prosperous New Year.

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